a Convention to revise the Constitution of the State, with an Mr. Howell moved to lay on the table the bill and the re-

port and 500 copies to be printed.

Mr. Beard called for a division of the question; laid on th Mr. Read moved that 100 copies of the bill and report b

Mr. Ellis raw no propriety of printing. He wished information. He saw no reason for a Convention. Mr. Read saw no reason for laying the bill on the table. Th majority of the voters in the State were by 5000, in favor of a Convention. He saw a disposition to smother the bill, and for that reason, would call for the ayes and noes on the ques-Mr. Berry of Monroe considered this an important vote

and that it would be a test vote.

Mr. Orth had no data yet, to go upon, in the discussion o the propriety of holding a Convention. He saw no good reason to print this bill, about which there was no difference. He would not consider it a test vote. The question of holding a Convention was different from the printing of this bill. The question of a Convention to revise the Constitution was perhaps the most important one that Senators would ever have an opportunity of voting on. He was not prepared yet, to say that the vote of last August was not sufficient to authorize a Convention.

Mr. Read, af er reading the section in the Constitution relative to holding Conventions to change or alter the Constition, said he doubted not the vote of last August was suffirient. He said the printing of this bill would be a test vote.

Straws show how the wind blows.

Mr. Robinson acknowledged that unless some new light upon the subject was given, he would vote against the Con-He would say nothing as to the constitutionality of the ques- tees : report was laid on the table. tion, but he thought it inexpedient. He would vote, however, to print the bill to give Senators opportunity of examining the question. He avowed hostility to a Convention.
The question was then taken, and 100 copies ordered to be printed.

Resolutions Introduced. By Mr Edmonston, that the House and Senate proceed to the election of State Bank Director, in place of the Hon Wm. Dailey, whose term has expired.

Mr Ellis moved to amend by striking out "to-day at two o'clock," and inserting "Tuesday next;" amendment adopted, together with the resolution. By Mr Coffin, authorizing the clerks of the Senate to em-

ploy assistants; adopted.

By Mr Murphy, requesting the Governor to lay before the Senate the circular of the Treasury of the United States; By Mr Milligan, that the Governor inform the Senate wha

action has been had upon the joint resolution on the subjecof the reservoir in Mercer count, Ohio; adopted. By Mr Zener, that the agricul ural committee inqu whether any amendment is necessary to the law regulating weights and measures; adopted.

By Mr Morgan, that the judiciary committee inquire into the expediency of making seduction a criminal offence; By Mr Berry of M., relative to lands donated for the construction of the Wabash and Erie canal; adopted.

Reports from Committees.

By Mr Murphy, regulating the duties of administrators executors, and guardians; concurred in.

By Mr Berry of M., for the relief of purchasers of semipary lands in certain counties therein named. By Mr Winchell, authorizing Nelson Compbell to construct a dam across a certain river therein named.

ORDERS OF THE DAY. Bills Passed or Referred. A bill repealing an act repealing the sixteenth chapter of the fourth article of the Revised Statutes of 1843, so far as

relates to the counties of Jackson and Washington, so far as relates to the county of Jackson; passed. A bill to increase the number of pilots at the Falls of the Ohio; ordered to be engrossed, with certain amendments. A bill authorizing a settlement with the superintendent of the State Prison : passed. A bill providing for township assessors in certain counties

therein named, and defining their duties; passed. The Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Leave was grated to Mr Handy to introduce a resolution requiring the committee on public buildings to inquire into the cause of the Senate chamber being filled with smoke;

OBDERS OF THE DAY. A bill to change the name of Francis M. Fisher to Francis M. Smith; passed. A joint resolution on the subject of the National road; unanimously amended by striking out the part " that the construction of turnpike roads in this age, is an obsolete

When, upon taking the vote upon the question, "Shall the joint resolution pass?"

Mr Hamrick said he introduced the resolution for the purpose of expressing the voice of that part of the Western People that the Senate represented; but did not feel very solicitous upon the subject. The ayes and noes were called-ayes 9, noes 33.

His Excellency, by his Private Secretary, Mr Hanna, signified to the Senate his approval of bill No 9, for the relief of David Dickey and Joseph Queen.

A bill authorizing the Governor to call special elections for Representatives to Congress; passed.

A bill for the relief of purchasers of canal lands; passed.

A bill for the relief of volunteers in the Mexican war;

A bill for the relief of county auditors; passed, A bill divorcing David T. Baggerly; passed. A bill divorcing Martin Holland Mr Miller said the reasons, as given in the petition, were true, he believed, for he could vouch for the veracity of those | Passed to the second reading.

signing it for Mr Holland. The bill passed.

A bill authorizing the citizens of Lawrenceburgh, Desaborn county, to turnpike roads; passed.

A bill to amend an act for the incorporation of the city of

Richmond; passed. Leave was granted to Mr Ellis to introduce a bill correcting a mistake in the printing of a cortain act relating to the incennes and New Albany road.

On motion of Mr Miller, the bill was referred to a select committee composed of members from counties through which the road runs. Leave was granted to Mr Orth to introduce certain resolutions relative to the decease of the late Samuel Bigger, Ex-Governor of the State of Indiana, condoling with the widow,

and adjourning the Senate as a mark of respect. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, Dec. 18, 1846.

Petitions presented. By Mr. Hanna, from sundry citizens of Carroll, pray ing the formation of a new county. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Suit, from Benoni Porter, praying relief for purchasers of Canal lands. Referred to the Committee

on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Hamilton, from 66 citizens of Decatur county praying the repeal of the "Black laws."
Mr. H. moved to refer it to the Committee on the Ju

Mr. Dunham moved to lay it on the table, which motion prevailed. By Mr. Tait, for the protection of religious assemblies.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. Hanna, from certain lessees of water power of the Wabash and Erie canal, for the purpose of affecting a settlement. Referred to the Committee on Canals. By Mr. Carr of L., from Vincent Williams and 120

others, to repeal a portion of the road law. Referred to nmittee on Roads. By Mr. Colms, from citizens of Kosciusko, for a State road. Referred to a select committee. Reports from Standing Committees.

Mr. Stanfield, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

reported back the bill authorizing Masters in Chancery to take acknowledgments of deeds, &c., and recommended By Mr. Palmer, to auth

its passage.

Mr. Secrest thought this act injudicious, in consequence of the difficulty there would be in authenticating the deed. Masters in Chancery were never appointed by the Governor. The bill failed on the second reading.

Mr. Harvey, from the same committee, reported it inexpedient to legislate on the subject of empowering county boards to compensate those arresting fugitives, &c. Mr. Dunham, from the same committee, reported it in-

expedient to legislate on the subject of establishing Houses of Refuge, as recommended in the Governor's message. Concurred in. Mr. Stanfield, from the same committ

institution. Concurred in. Mr. Sleeth, from the same committee, reported a bill authorizing probate courts to make reasonable allowance to guardians. Ordered to the second reading.

Mr. Porter, from the same committee, in relation to a congressional township in Jefferson county, reported it unconstitutional to divert all the school funds to a part. Mr. Dunham, from the same committee, reported un-

hands of executors and administrators. Concurred in. Mr. Harvey, from the same committee, reported against the expediency of electing one from each township to constitute county boards. Concurred in.

Mr. Julian, from the same committee, reported it inex-sedient to legislate on the subject of maleing additional flowances to jurors and witnesses in justices' courts.

Concurred in. Also, reported it inexpedient to legislate on the subject of the petition of Thomas Berry. Concurred in. Mr. Juffan, from the same committee, reported it inexpedient to legislate on the subject of executors and administrators giving personal notice to heirs in certain ca-

ses. Concurred in.

Mr. Dunham, from the same committee, reported back the bill on the subject of electing supervisors by road dis-tricts, and recommended its reference to the committee

Mr. Stanfield, from the same committee, reported back the bill providing for the punishment of physicians who prescribe drugs without knowing their effect, &c., and recommended its indefinite postponement; concurred in.

Mr. Dunham, from the saute committee, reported back the bill defining the width of roads in Tipton and other counties adjoining, and recommended its reference to the committee on roads. Concurred in.

Mr. Julian, from the seme committee, reported a bill authorizing the people of Kosciusko county to elect their Mr. Yaryan moved that the bill be recommitted with

nstructions to make its provisions general. Which pre-Mr. Sleeth, from the same committee, reported it unnecessary to legislate on the subject of the courts granting divorces on the declaration or confession of the pares &c. Concurred in.

Mr. Stanfield, from the same committee, reported back the bill on the subject of correcting errors in patents for lands sold by the State. Passed to the third reading.

Mr. Sleeth, from the same committe, reported a bill in relation to the Trustees of the Vincennes University bringing suit, and the State making defence thereto, &c. Passed to the third reading.

Mr. Dunham, from the same committee, reported it inexpedient to legislate on the subject of assessing a tax on the proceeds of the practice of lawyers and physicians. Mr. Sleeth, from the same committee, reported it inex-

pedient to legislate on the subject of granting the Circuit Courts exclusive jurisdiction in cases where they now have concurrent jurisdiction with Probate Courts. Con-Mr. Hunt, from the committee on education, reported

the inexpediency of legislating on the subject of the petition of S. M. Cutter, to authorize the Auditor and School Commissioner to loan school money; concurred Also, that it was inexpedient to legislate on the subject

vention. He was not prepared yet to vote. He wanted time. of changing the existing law in relation to district Trus-Also, reported back the bill to repeal the valuation law in regard to fines, and for forfeitures; and that it was inexpedient to legislate thereon; concurred in.

> Also, reported back the bill in relation to a certain school district in Hendricks county, and that it was inex- ber of votes given for Governor at the last August election, cate a State road in Randolph and Wayne counties; passpedient to legislate thereon. facts in this case, when the bill passed to the thiad read- same election; adopted.

Mr. Craveno, from the State Bank, reported a bill prohibiting the issuing and circulation of small bills, except by the State Bank; the bill was laid on the table. Bills Reported from Select Committees and passed to

the Second Reading. Mr. Hatfield reported back the bill to authorize the election of township Assessors in Hancock, and other unties; re-referred to the Judiciary committee. Mr. Harlan, a bill for the relief of Delaware and

Mr. Hendricks, to amend the city charter of Madison. Mr. Hostetter, for the relief of Weley and Sarah Ed-Mr. Cassatt, to authorize the sale of school lands

Miami county. Resolutions of Inquiry Adopted. Mr. Thompson, on the subject of giving any person tee be discharge sued by a practicing physician to defend, by alleging the ject; adopted. drunkenness or incapacity of said physician.

Mr. Green, on the subject of amending the estray laws.

Mr. Hostetter, in relation to every person between 18 and 45 being required to perform military duty. Mr. Julian, in relation to the assessments of personal property, so as to include all moneys at interest, and cash

Mr. Holman, in regard to the assessment of real estate. Mr. Green, in relation to the regulation of the fees of county officers, so as to make greater uniformity. Mr Shields, in relation to the distribution of the scho

Mr. Decker, in relation to charges on estrays who they may be taken up and used. Mr. Moore, in relation to the punishment of seduction Bills In'roduced and Read the first time. Mr. Stanfield, to authorize the State bank to lay out in lots, certain land near South Bend.

Mr. Harlan, relative to the Probate Court of Hen Mr. Stanfield, to repeal a portion of the act reducing the salary of the Governor, and other officers. Also to extend the writ of garnishee in certain cases. Mr. Porter, to regulate the mode of doing county busi-

ness in Harrison county.

Mr. Clark, to legalize the acts of the Probate judge of Lagrange county. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hill. The use of the Hall was given for the purpose of affording an exhibition of the pupils of the Columbus Institution for the Blind, this evening, for the members &c.,

and to-morrow (Saturday) evening for the public. The Speaker laid before the House, the report of the Trustees for the education of the blind; Isid on the table hild 1000 copies ordered to be printed. The House then adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Speaker laid before the House the reply of the State Printer, to a resolution instructing him to communicate to the House in relation to the prices allowed for pub- war; passed. lie printing, and whether the rates should be reduced, &c. Mr. Dowling moved that it be laid on the table, and 400

copies be printed. Not agreed to. On metion of Mr. Secrest, it was laid on the table. Mr. Palmer, on leave, introduced a junt resolution in relation to pre-emption claims on the Miami reservation. ties named; passed.

Mr. Yaryan asked leave to introduce a resolution. He said it was predicated on an ordinance by the Common Council of Indianspolis; which he wished read. The clerk then read as follows:

"AMENDMENT To Chapter IX, on the Subject of Nuisances.

SEC. 1. Every person who shall visit any house of ill- grossed. fame or prostitution within the corporation limits of the town of Indianapolis, unless for lawful purposes, shall forfeit and pay to the Common Council of Indianapolis for the use of the town of Indianapolis, ten dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt before the President of said

SEC. 2. To maintain said action, it shall be sufficient for the council to show that the defendant visited such er; passed. house of ill-fame or prostitution as aforesaid, unless such defendant shall prove to the satisfaction of the court that such visit was exclusively for lawful purposes.

SEC. 3. This amendment to be in force from and after its publication in the Journal and Sentinal. Read, ordained, and established this 12th day of December, A. D. 1846. Attest, JOSEPH A. LEVY. President Common Council, Indianapolis.

JAMES G. JORDAN, Secretary. Mr. Y. then offered the following resolutions: Resolved, That the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis, by their ordinance entitled, "An amendment to chapter IX, of the ordinance on the subject of nuisances, born county; passed.

approved December 12, 1846," have offered a reflection and an insult to the visiters of this city, and that it is so regarded by this Hotise. Resolved, further, That this House regards the passage

of said ordinance by the Council, at the time and under the Indiana.] circumstances, as an attempt on their part to monopolize Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Moore, to secure the better payment of the University and other trust funds of the State; read a first

By Mr. Neal, for the relief of certain persons therein taxes; read a first time. taxation in the county of Kosciusko : read a first time.

The bill of the Senate to change the time of holding courts in the county of Wells, and the bill relating to the office of county auditor in Union county, were severally read and passed.

Bills of the House read the third time and Passed. To repeal the act authorizing the loan of school funds in the county of Posey; to change the name of James Morris Smith, to that of James Morris Vestal; to extend the time of the board doing county business in the county of Tippecanoe; for the benefit of Parke county Seminary; next. to repeal an act for the benefit of supervisors in the county expedient to legislate on the subject of requiring Sur- of Shelby; to reduce the price of the Revised Statutes of geoms and Physicians to obtain a licence from a medical Indiana; [this bill authorizes county Pressurers to sell Indians; [this bill authorizes county Treasurers to sell ported it inexpedient to repeal the law authorizing creditors the improvement of the harbors on the Lakes; adopted.

Bills Introduced. those Statutes.] To regulate the mode of selecting petit to waive the valuation and appraisment laws; concurred jurors in Sullivan county; to secure to Ohio county a portion of the school fund and, and surplus revenue fund; to change the name of Francis Anthony Fisher, and Minerva bill extending the provisions of a bill of last session to the By Mr Davis, repealing chapter in Revised Statutes, on the subject of N to the committee on the State Bank.

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Greenwood. A message was received from the Senate, resolving, with the concurrence of the House, to go into the election of Bank Director, on Tuesday next, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the time of William M. Dailey.

that it was inexpedient to legislate thereon; concurred in.

Mr. Gilleece, from the same committee, reported it inex-

which was reciprocated by the House. Mr. Cravens introduced a resolution tendering the use of the Hall to the Rev. William M. Daily for divine ser-

vides on Sabbath next; adopted.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing the passage of certain resolutions commemorative of the death of the Hon. Samuel Bigger; whereupon The House adjourned.

> SENATE. SATURDAY, Dec. 19, 1846. Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Robinson, of certain citizens of Decatur count By Mr. Cuppy; referred without reading.
By Mr. Berry of F.; referred without reading.

By Mr. Green; referred without reading.

A message was received from the House informing th Senate of the passage of certain bills. Reports from Standing Committees.

By Mr. Orth, from the Judiciary Committee, returning the bill authorizing clerks of Circuit Courts to issue writs to other counties in certain cases. By Mr. Orth, from the same committee, reporting a bill on reading. the subject of divorces.

bill repealing certain sections of the Revised Statutes of 1843. passed to the third reading. By Mr. Osborn, from the same Committee, reporting a bill relative to guardians of insone persons.

By Mr. Robinson, from the same committee, reporting a bill authorizing the creation of an additional Judicial Circuit.

made, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. English renewed the motion.

bill to a select committee; adopted.

By Mr. Berry of M., from the committee on Roads, reporting a till repealing an act entitled an act for the removal of bstructions in Duck Creek.

Reports from Select Committees. By Mr. Jackson, reporting a bill for the relief of the secuities of James Kendall. By Mr. Bowers, reporting a bill for the vacation of a cer tain road in Ripley county.

By Mr. Winchell, reporting a bill for the divorce of Kate By Mr. Osborn, reporting a bill divorcing Theodore F. Ellis. Resoutions Introduced.

four additional Circuits. Mr. Edmonston moved that the resolution be amended by striking out all of that part abolishing Probate Judges, and transferring the duties to Circuit Courts, and providing that of requiring persons, through whose land roads pass, to "Probate Courts" be erected; adopted. Moved further, by triking out four terms and insert two terms.

Mr. Beard moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution and amendments; not adopted. Mr. Handy moved to lay all on the table; so ordered. By Mr. Stewart, Resolved, That the Secretary of State be committee. puested to inform the Senate, as soon as possible, the numn each county in the State, and also the number of votes Mr. Harvey made some statements in relation to the given for and against a Convention, in each county, at the

> By Mr. Davis, that in the opinion of the Senate, it is inex-By Mr. Miller, requesting the Judiciary Committee, to inquire into the expediency of revising the appraisement law so far as relates to the collection of debts by administrators;
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> Mr. Porter, that when the Huntil Monday next; adopted.

> By Mr. Handy, that the committee on the affairs of the town of Indianapolis inquire into the expediency of removing the seat of government, to some other suitable place where the deaf and dumb : adopted. the members of the Legislature meet to transact the business of the State, they will not be insulted by the low vulgarity of the citizens of the place. Mr. Miller moved to amend by striking out "citizens"

and insert "The Common Council." The resolution so amended was adopted. By Mr. Orth, that it is in the opinion of the Senate expedient to change the present Probate system, but owing to an inability to agree as to any plan, that the Judiciary committee be discharged from any further consideration of the sub-

Bills Introduced. By Mr. Murphy, a bill to charter the Knightstown and By Mr. Clements, relative to the Vincennes and New Alany road; rebuilding bridges thereon; referred to a Select

he committee on Canals and Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Holloway, incorporating a Branch of the "Sons of Comperance;" referred to the committee on corporations. By Mr. Milliken, a bill to facilitate the building of school

uses in Dearborn county; passed to a second reading. By Mr. Berry of F., a bill compelling corporations to keep up bridges when interfering with the rights of the public. By Mr. Stewart, a bill to change the time of holding courts Marion county. n the 11th Judicial Circuit. Mr. Verbrike moved to take from the table bill No. 1; so

This is the bill providing for changing the mode of printng delinquent lists. inauce with instructions to amend; so ordered.

taken up from the table and referred to the same committee; move its reference to the committee on Canals, &c. so orde.ed. Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hamrick, that bill No. 5 be taken from the table and referred to a select committee. The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The President laid before the Senate the annual Report of the Superintendent of the New Albany and Vincennes Road. table and 250 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berry of M. on leave introduced a resolution authoriz- noes 48. ing the committee on the Benevolent Institutions of the State have leave to unite with that of the House (the House concurring.) in the examination of the causes of the discharge of Mrs. Johnson, Matron of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Mr. Hamer moved to take from the table a Joint Resolution No. 28, on the subject of the volunteers in the Mexican ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bills Passed. A bill providing for Supervisors of Roads in Daviess county; A bill extending time to work out road tax in certain coun-

A bill abolishing the office of Supervisor; referred to the Judielary Committee. A bill providing for letting out the Public Printing to the lowest bidder; ordered to be engrossed A bill to divorce David J Gearhart.

Mr. Stewart offered an amendment, excepting the provis-ions of the bill from interfering with the rights of dower of Deborah, the wife; adopted, and the bill ordered to be en-Pills Passed. A bill for the relief of Volunteers in the Mexican war

and of county Auditors. A bill to increase the number of Pilots at the falls of A bill authorizing the citizens of Fayette county to elect three Seminary Trustees; passed. A bill declaring a misprint in the name of Ann Frankbow-

A bill abblishing all docket fees, it certain cases; passed. A bill changing the time of holding Probate Courts in Delaware county; passed. A bill relating to the payment of road tax in Elkhart county; passed. A bill locating a State road from Steuben county to Elk-

hait county; passed. A bill empowering the commissioners of Kosciusko county to hold real estate; passed. A bill vacating the town of Independence; passed. A bill vacating certain streets in Noblesville; passed, A bill relative to the Probate Court in Franklin county;

A bill relative to swinging gates on the highways in Dear-A bill vacating part of Blairsville, in Posey county; passed. A bill for the relief of Ellen Bigger, widow of Samuel Bigger, deceased.

This bill provides for the payment of the balance due the late Samuel Bigger, for services in revising the Statutes of the business referred to in the ordinance. Which was with instructions to inquire into the justice of the claim.

A message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, giving his approval of a bill originating in the Senate.

A bill relative to Probate Courts, in Allen county; passed. A bill to change the name of the county of Richardville. Mr. Taber moved to suspend the rules to have it read the Mr. Conner objected. He was in favor of cherishing those By Mr. Palmer, to authorize the collection of certain of that county would be opposed to the change. He wished

By Mr. Colms, to exempt certain improvements from change in the name of the county. He hoped the rules would not be suspended. They were not suspended.
On motion, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SATERDAY, December 19, 1846.

Mr. Carr of L. presented a petition from Vincent Williams, and 122 others, on the subject of a State road ; re- structed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law ferred to a Select committee. Mr. Smiley obtained leave of absence until Monday

Reports from Standing Committees. Mr. Stanfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, re-

Ridge, to that of Francis A. Greenwood and Minerva county of Morgan, and recommended its passage; passed to the third reading.

Mr. Sleeth, from the same committee, reported back the bill defining the duties of clerks of Probate courts, and pedient to legislate on the subject of the bill changing the

duties of executors and administrators in certain cases. pound claims and liabilities which accrue after the death of ernor, transmitting the circular of the Secretary of the decedent ] Mr. Wolf remarked, he hoped the report would not be concurred in; such a law was indispensable to enable executors and administrators to settle up estates in any

Mr. Stanfield said he was opposed to the bill. It would be opening a door to frauds—that if administrators do their duty, and take sale notes without the benefit of the appraisement laws, no such relief would be needed. The law is now sufficiently liberal-if administrators will neglect their duty, let them suffer the consequences. He could not go for the bill. Mr. Harvey moved its indefinite postponement, which

The vote was, however, subsequently reconsidered, and the bill recommitted to a select comm Mr. Dunham reported back the bill in relation to the service of subponus in Chancery; passed to the third

By Mr. Clements, from the same committee, reporting a bill in relation to the proof of notices of publication; Mr. Porter, from the same committee, reported it inexpedient to legislate on the subject of the reduction of Recor-

der's fees; concurred in. Mr. Harvey, from the same committee, reported back the bill to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and Mr. Handy moved to reject the bill. After a few remarks recommended its indefinite postponement; concurred in. Mr. Milliken hoped the motion would not carry, for there was a great desire in his district, that a new Judicial Circuit bill in reference to water rents on canals, and recommended its committal to the committee on canals, &c.; concurred

> Mr Dunham, from the same committee, reported a bill empowering clerks of circuit courts to administer oaths in vacation; passed to the second reading. Mr. Meredith, from the committee on Roads, reported

back the bill declaring Salt Creek a public highway; which passed to the second reading. Also, that it was inexpedient to legislate on the subject of fixing the compensation of supervisors; concurred in.

Also, reported back the bill compelling speculators to pay a road tax equal to that of actual setters, and recomnended its passage; concurred in. Also, that it was inexpedient to legislate on the subject

By Mr. Orth, instructing the Judiciary Committee to provide for the abolishing of Probate Judges, and transferring of requiring able-bodied persons to work on the roads four days make ad of two. On motion of Mr. Thompson, it was referred to a Select

> Also, that it was inexpedient to legislate on the subject of the prayer of John Simpson. On motion of Mr. Miller, it was referred to a Select Mr. Griffis, from a select committee, report a bill to lo

ed to the second reading. Resolutions Introduced. Mr. Carr of L., on the subject of the sale of stock in edient to alter or change the present Probate system; not the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, and the Central canal; adopted.

Mr. Porter, that when the House adjourn, it will adjourn Mr. Colms, that a tax of one cent on the hundred dollars be levied for the education of the Blind, and one half of a cent on the one hundred dollars for the education of be sold at half its fair cash value, and personal property, when turned out by the execution defendant for what it

Mr. Parks,on the expediency of rendering purchasers of school lands, liable for waste, in case of the subsequent forfeiture of the land; adopted. Mr. Lewis, a joint resolution on the subject of the preservation of the materials furnished for the completion of

the Cumberland road; passed to a second reading. Bills Introduced and Passed to the second Reading. By Mr. Yaryan, in relation to docket fees in the Supreme court. [This bill authorizes a docket fee of ten dollars in the Supreme court, to be taxed as the costs of the suit.] By Mr. Secrest, in relation to State roads in Putnam

the duties of Supervisors. Mr. Arnold, for the improvement of roads in Bartholo-

Bills Read the third time and Passed. Relative to a certain school district in Hendricks county to guardians, &c. : to fix the time of holding courts in the

8th judicial circuit. On motion of Mr. Palmer, the Senate bill for the relief of purchasers of the Wabash and Erie canal lands was Judge. He disclaimed all such motives, He was willing, tion escapes his notice. His views upon subjects of taken from the table. [The bill provides for the postpone- if a law was passed taking the business of reporting from finance are enlarged, yet from habit as well as dispo-By Mr. Winchell, a bill changing the time of holding courts ment of the sale of forfeited lands from January to October the Judge, that the court might appoint their own reporter. following—this change to be permanent; and also that no land shall be sold at a price less than the original price Supreme Court was remarkably behind. There were some be is far from being ungenerous, and his manners are of redemption at any time within two years after the sale:] Mr. Dowling said there were many persons interested in this bill, not only the holders of the land, but also the holders of the canal scrip which is based alone on the lands Mr. Allison moved that another bill on the same subject be for its final redemption, are interested; he would therefore

Mr. Palmer thought this reference was unnecessary, as every member had already an opportunity to examine its Mr. Dowling withdrew his motion. Mr. Kerr moved to strike out the 10th section, [which provides for the postponement of partial or deferred pay-On motion of Mr. Davis, it was ordered to be laid upon the ments of the lands for five years from and after the passage of the "Butler bill;"] not so amended-ayes 45

While the bill was yet pending, The House adjourned;

By Mr Davis, of John Brown ; referred.

SENATE. Monday, December 21, 1846.

Senate met. Petitions Presented. By Mr Read, of S. D. Morgan, and others; referred By Mr Hamrick; referred to a select committee without

By Mr Marsh; referred to a select committee. By Mr Winchell, of John C. Helm, vacating castles in the air, &c. ; referred to a select committee. By Mr Hardin, of John H. Goddard; referred. By Mr Cuppy; referred to the judiciary committee without

By Mr Green; referred to a select committee. By Mr Morgan; referred. By Mr Milliken; referred. Reports from Standing Committees. By Mr Orth, from the judiciary committee, reporting a bill relating to decrees in chancery, and recommending its passage, with an amendment; concurred in.

By Mr Davis, from the same committee, reporting a making seduction an indictable crime; concurred in. By Mr Murphy, from the same committee, reporting a bill on the subject of the laws of execution; concurred in. By Mr Davis, from the same committee, reporting it inex- during the past year, who could furnish authoritative re- in mind and manners. pedient to legislate further upon the subject of appointing persons to receive moneys from executors, &c.; concurred in By Mr Berry of M., from the committee on roads, on the subject of exempting lands of the volunteers in the Mexican war from road taxation.

By Mr Goodenow, incorporating the Lafayette Hydraulic company; concurred in. Reports from Select Committees. By Mr Milligan, incorporating T. Wilson, and others; By Mr Clements, divorcing Riley Landry; concurred in. By Mr Coppy, divorcing Martha Warren; concurred in. By Mr Ellis, a bill relating to a correction of a mistake in the printing of the act relating to the New Albany and Vin-

of Probate Judges, and recommended its passage. cennes road : concurred in. By Mr Waters, a bill for the relief of Anthony Hassett: By Mr Robinson, on the subject of changing the mode of doing county business in Decatur county; concurred in. of justices of the peace. [The bill authorizes suit to be By Mr Hamrick, a bill relating to county roads; conbrought before the justice in the township where the debt was contracted.] Passed to the second reading.

By Mr Holloway, for the relief of John Soden; concurred By Mr Hardin, for the relief of John Gahart. The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Agent of State; referred to the committee on claims. Resolutions Introduced.

By Mr Cuppy, for the relief of Wm. Rodaban; concurred

By Mr English, adjourning the Legislature sine die, on the second Monday in January next; laid on the table. By Mr Hardin, on the subject of repealing certain portions of the school law; adopted. By Mr Parks, on the subject of improving the East and West forks of White river; adopted. By Mr Hamrick, on the subject of abolishing the office of State Agent; adopted. By Mr Robinson, requesting the Superintendent of the

Wabash and Erie canal to inform the Senate if he had expended any money under an act approved January 19, 1846; By Mr Logan, that the committee on the judiciary be infor the election or appointment of suitable persons in each bill in relation township or in each county in this State, whose duty it shall third reading. decedent's estates in their respective townships or counties, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; adopted.

Also, the bill in the State; passed to the third rending.

Evans, Speight and Huntington.

Mr Osborn introduced a joint resolution on the subject of By Mr Davis, repealing chapter nine, article nine, of the Mr. Harvey, from the same committee, reported back the Revised Statutes, on the subject of Notaries Public; referred By Mr Handy, relating to duties of county treasurers and auditors; referred to the judiciary committee

Bills Passed. A bill repealing a certain act, so far as the same relates to the county of Shelby. A bill for the relief of the secureties of Jas. A. Kendall. A bill for the relief of Robert Goble A bill to vacate a certain State road in Ripley county. A bill for the relief of John Kresler.

A message was received from His Excellency the Gov-Treasury. The circular was referred to the committee on agriculture The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Senate met.

Bills Passed.

A bill for the relief of D. Gerhart.

A bill for the relief of C. Scweetfager A bill authorizing circuit court clerks to issue writs to ther counties in certain cases A bill authorizing the sale of seminary lands in Gibson and Monroe counties. A bill letting out the public printing to the lowest bidder. A call of the Senate, on the passage of this bill, was made; all present but three of the members. On motion, the absent members were sent for.

On further motion, any further prosecution of the call was

On motion of Mr Allison, the bill was recommitted A bill relative to guardians of insane person A bill to change the name of Richardville county to that Mr. Porter, from the same committee, reported back the of Howard;

A bill authorizing a dam across the Mississinnewa river. Mr. Holman, to locate a State road frem Logansport to A bill repealing an act entitled "An act to remove ob- Marion, in Grant county. structions in Duck creek."

Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Monday, December 21, 1846.

Mr. Hall, from E. F. Lucas for relief; referred to a se

Reports from Standing Committees.

reported back the subject of amending the estray laws, and

Reports from the Judiciary Committee.

may bring, but if selected by execution plaintiff for half

Mr. Dunham, that it was inexpedient to appoint a Pro

secuting Attorney for each county; concurred in-

ports in future without the delay complained of ]

the business and reports of the Court.

American jurisprudence.

place for some aspiring lawyer.

The report was then concurred in.

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fuller moved to except the county of Warrick.

Mr. Porter reported a bill in relation to the jurisdiction

Mr. Palmer reported a bill in relation to domestic and

McIntire and others; passed to a second reading.

county boards already had that power; concurred in.

Marshall counties; passed to a second reading.

Resolutions of Inquiry.

By Mr. Secrest, to exempt from taxation property be-

of county Auditors, Recorders and Clerks; adopted,

Mr. Carr of L. introduced a Joint Resolution

claim of Col. Vigo.

The Speaker laid before the house the report of the vis-

itor of the State Prison; laid on the table and 300 copies

Mr. Fuller then moved leave of absence for this after-

oon to the committee on Benevolent and Scientific Insti-

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bills Introduced and read a first time.

passed to a second reading.

aw of last session; adopted.

subject of the Central Canal.

The House then adjourned.

ion to write of ad quad damnum.

of the Indiana Asbury University.

ordered to be printed.

tutions; agreed to.

Mr. Secrest, from the committee on Ways and Means.

mended its reference to the committee on the Judi-

chasers of saline lands, for relief.

committee on the Judiciary.

ect committee.

Yaryan and Wolf.

ciary : concurred in.

that subject.

pointed to consider similar petitions.

at their annual April election, may decide by vote that the Petitions Presented. Board doing County business shall not grant a license or By Messrs, Hamilton, Hanna and McCormick i referred permit to retail spirituous liquors in said township for the ensuing year.] By Mr. Dowling, from the Delphi Storage and Forward-By Mr. Moore, to appoint commissioners to locate ng Company, praying that the side cut, constructed by State road. them, should be made a part of the Wabash and Eric canal; By Mr. Dole, to authorize the Superintendent of the referred to the committee on canals, &c.

Wabash and Erie Canal to settle with Gookins, Barn and By Mr. Huffstetter, from John Baker and others, pur-By Mr. Tait, for the safe keeping of the records of Ohio Mr. Hatfield, from German citizens, on the subject German schools; referred to the committee previously ap-By Mr. Yaryan, for the relief of Jesse Wolf.

Orders of the Day. Mr. Parker, from G. W. Ewing and others, a commit The Senate bill for the relief of purchasers of the Watee on behalf of the citizens of Allen county in relation to eash and Erie Canal lands was taken from the table. the official conduct of the Probate Judge; referred to the On motion of Mr. Dole, it was amended and passed. The amendment and debate is crowded out of this num-Mr. Griffis, from the citizens of Randolph county in re-

ber, but will be given in our next.] lation to the salary of the county Auditor; referred to a Bills Passed. The bill extending the time of receiving work for road ax in certain counties. To amend the act requiring speculators to pay a road tax

By Mr. Shields, in relation to school funds in Jackson

By Mr. Yaryan, in relation to retailing spirituous liquors.

[The provisions of this bill are, that the legal voters of

the several townships of the several counties in this State,

Mr. Dole, in relation to the protection of religious as equal to actual settlery. semblies; referred to a committee already appointed for Declaring Salt creek a public highway. In relation to the service of subpostas in Chancery. Mr. Wilson, from Jonathan W. Etliott, on the subject In retation to proof of notice by publication. of water power in Noble county; referred to the committee To vacate certain alleys in the town of Bloomington. The joint resolution in relation to selecting certain land Mr. Thompson, from 500 citizens of Indianapolis, pray n the Miami Reserve for school purposes, ing the repeal of the city charter; referred to a select To change the name of Ellen Londonburger to Ellen committee, consisting of Mesers. Thompson, Fuller, Noel,

For the relief of Wiley M. and Sarah Edmonson.

To the Editor of the Indiana State Sentinel. DEAR SIR :- I discover in your paper of the 17th nst, a resolution presented by me and adopted by the House, misquoted. The resolution provides that the Mr. Stanfield reported an amendment to the Execution | road shall not become void instead of the law becom-JOHN LEWIS. laws. [The amendment provides that real estate should ing invalid. December 17th, 1846.

Heads of the Senate.

its fair cash value.] Bill and amendment passed to the BY NEMO. JAMES P. MILLIKIN, the Senator from Dearborn, is a gentleman who makes no effort to attract notice, Mr. Julian, that it was in expedient at present to legislate nor are there any eccentric traits in his character on the subject of appointing a reporter to the Supreme calculated to make him conspicuous. Yet he is a [The report says the committee called upon the present fine specimen of a man and legislator. To a soundreporter, who satisfied them that he could furnish the re- ness of judgment rarely excelled, he unites moral qualities of a high order. Such a man can never fail in the report of the committee until its merits were better to command a respectable degree of influence, in Mr. Yaryan said he hoped the House would not concur understood. It had been the rule of this House, to concur whatever situation he may be placed. He speaks as a kind of matter of course, to every report that was well, though not handsomely, and his remarks always made, thereby making the committees the Legislature. He bear the impress of mature reflection. was one of those that would not act so. Mr. Y. said he

would not willingly detract from the well-merited fame of CYEUS TABER, the Senator from Cass, is emphatito authorize Probate courts to make reasonable allowances Judge Blackford as a Jurist and Reporter—he was a credit cally a business man. Shrewd, calculating, and pruto the State-and the State ought, after his death, to dent, he watches the operations of trade with sleepless erect a monument of brass, for his many and valuable services. Nor had he any political designs against the seven hundred cases on the docket, and constantly increas- he is far from being ungenerous, and his manners are ing; and the reports were also far in the rear. Cases perfectly affable. He is a man of few words, and is were decided, the report of which, except the table of the never guilty of saying a foolish thing.

cases, were kept from the bar, and the same question was again and again presented to the Court, to the great hin- JOHN ZENOR, the Senator from Harrison, is a good drance of other and new cases. There was some cause illustration of the advantages arising from a persefor this. He could not think that the Court did not labor as vering adherence to honesty. In point of intellectual much as they should; but he feared, and in this he was powers he is in no way remarkable; yet his sincere not alone, the labor of the whole Court was not sufficiently directed to the legitimate object for which it was created. devotion to what he esteems to be right, has acquired One of the members was the reporter. To prepare these for him the unquestioning confidence of his constitureports for the press, append notes, so indispensable to every ents. His plain good sense, with a rectitude of purgood report, read the proof, superintend the binding and sale, would necessarily employ half or more of the time of pose, and a strong love of truth, combine to constitute any man. That Judge Blackford was growing old; was him a safe depositary of power, and a useful member receiving a salary from the State of thirteen hundred dol- of the Legislature. It is a pity there are not more lars a year, and, as he had been informed, was worth more like him in both Houses.

than forty thousand dollars, without a child on earth to inherit it. That the reporting was profitable, the copy. It is impossible to mistake the Senator from Fayright of which would enlist and secure the services of ette and Union, that large man, with dark piercing the best lawyers in the State. He had been informed that eyes, who stands some six feet three, and with prothe State took four hundred copies, at four dollars a volume, which nearly, if not quite paid for the publication of the entire edition; the balance was clear profit, if such one can doubt; and the way he overlooks common was the fact. It was true, said Mr. Y., the report shows men is "some." His perception is keen, and his that Judge Blackford had promised to bring up the reports. ideas clear. He should be a good business man, but But what would be the result! Nothing but extra labor on the part of the reporter would accomplish that desirable has very little taste for speculation. He is deterobject; and that labor must necessarily be taken from the mined to enjoy life while it lasts, and it cannot be business of the Bench. There were cases in that Court said of him that he " is not long for this world."

which had been there from five to seven years, the suspen- ABNER T. ELLIS, the Senator from Knox, is an sion of which had nearly ruined some of the parties. He hoped, therefore, that the House would not concur in the astute, active minded man. In argument he is perreport of the committee, but would adopt some measure sussive, though his language is not rich. He invesby which the Court might be able to sometime bring up tigates with great industry, yet seldom grasps a sub-Mr. Secrest replied to Mr, Yaryan at some length. He ject in its most enlarged significance. He theorizes contended that Judge Blackford was more competent than a great deal, notices facts with great particularity, any other person to report the decisions of the Supreme and reasons soundly; yet in most cases from second-Court. The delay in furnishing the reports so much com- ary premises, rather than from first principles. He plained of, was occasioned by sickness and protracted disease from which Judge Blackford has severely suffered has seen much of the world, and is accomplished both

ports. The reputation of Blackford's Reports are not con- The Senator from Steuben, Madison Marsh, will fined to our own country; they are cited in England, and find it somewhat difficult to fill the place of his predereferred to in the digests over the Atlantic. Judge Blackford's Reports will continue to be referred to, and with cessor, rare Day. Herriman-so fat and funny, so Justice Story, he will be one of the brightest ornaments of witty and wise. Still the Senator from Steuben is in many respects much the same sort of man. If the Mr. Thompson thought Judge Blackford's place could one was jolly, the other can be right merry. The not be filled as efficiently or as satisfactorily by any lawyer in this State; he considered it a scheme to furnish a wit of the one was broad humor-the other is a lover of good fellowship, and can crack a joke with right hearty good will. Doctor Marsh has decided intellec-Mr. Julian reported back the bill to increase the salary tual capacity, is frank and sincere, and possesses a generous disposition. He is a general favorite with those who know him well, and deserves to be so

Congress.

In the Senate, on motion of Mr. Benton, the followforeign attachment. [The bill merely relates to the form- ing resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs

> of, additional pay at the rate of ---- dollars per month On the same day the Standing Committees were

Cass, Archer, Atherton and Webster. be to act as general administrator in the settlement of all Also, the bill for the gradual and permanent improve- On Finance .-- Messrs. Lewis, chairman; Benton On Commerce.-Messrs. Dix, chairman; Pennybacker, Johnson, Md., Chalmers and Davis. On Manufactures .- Messrs. Dickinson, chairman;

Colquitt, Simmons, Sturgeon and Woodbridge. On Agriculture .- Messrs. Sturgeon, chairman; Semple, Upham, Turney and Cilley. On Military Affairs.—Messrs. Benton, chairman; Dix, Crittenden, Houston and Badger.

longing to Colleges, Universities, &c.; adopted.

By Mr. Colms, on the subject of abolishing capital pun-Yulee, Manguin, Cameron and Miller. shment, repealing the discretion left with Juries by the On the Militia .- Messrs. Atchison, chairman; Sem-By Mr. Yaryan, on the expediency of reducing the fee le, Barrow, Fairfield and Greene. On Public Lands .- Messrs. Breese, chairman; Ash-By Mr. Tait, that the Military Committee be authorized

ley, Woodbridge, Bright and Corwin. By Mr. Mank, to make the school laws less complicated; On Private Land Claims .- Messrs. Yulee, chairman; Semple, Barrow, Pennybacker and Greene. On Indian Affairs .- Messrs. Bagby, chairman; Atchison, Phelps, Sevier and Jarnagin.

On Claims.—Messrs. Pennybacker, chairman; By Mrr Dowling, a joint resolution in reference to the

Atchison, John M. Clayton, Rusk, and Johnson, Md. On Revolutionary Claims .- Messrs. Semple, chairman; Bright, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt and Phelps. On the Judiciary .- Messrs. Ashley, chairman; Breese, Berrien, Westcott and Dayton. On Post Offices and Post Roads .- Messrs. Niles,

Mr. Thompson, to amend the Revised Statutes in relation to write of ad quad damnum.

Mr. Ferguson, to complete the State Prison.

Mr. Secrest, to amend the act incorporating the Trustees

Mr. Webster, says the Boston Post, adores democratic statesmen after they are dead. He has wept over the grave of Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, and eulogised Jackson. In his late speech at Philadelphia

ng an issue in such suits.] Passed to the second reading. Mr. Stanfield, a bill to change the time of holding Probe instructed to inquire into the expediency of inbate courts in Allen county; passed to a second reading. creasing during the continuance of the present war Mr. Dunham, a bill authorizing a divorce for the wilful with Mexico, the pay of the non-commissioned offiabandonment of one whole year; passed to a second readcers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, including the volunteers; and also of pro-Mr. Palmer reported back the bill for the relief of John viding for the granting of certificates of merit to such of them as may distinguish themselves by personal Mr. Stanfield, amending the bill for holding Courts in the 9th Judicial District; passed to the third reading.

Mr. Porter reported that further legislation was unnecformance of their duty; and that those to whom such acts of extraordinary devotion or bravery in the peressary to empower county boards to vacate alleys &c. as certificates are granted, shall receive, in virtue there-Mr. Sleeth reported a bill legalizing all acknowledgments during their continuance in service. of deeds taken in Huntington by Masters in Chancery; On the same day the Standing

agreed to, the principal of which are as follows: Mr. Meredith, from the committee on roads, reported a bill in relation to the width of public roads; passed to the On Foreign Relations .- Mesers, Sevier, chairman

Also reported against the expediency of several resolutions referred to the committe; all of which were concur-Mr. Colms, from a select committee, reported a bill to authorize the location of a State road in Kosciusko and

On Naval Affairs .- Messrs. Fairfield, chairman;

chairman; Sturgeon, Simmons, Rusk and Morehead On Roads and Canals.—Messrs. Hannegan, chair-man; Turney, Corwin, Houston and Morehead.

he complimented Van Buren.